



SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP

August 18, 2010

1:00 p.m.

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
1110 West Washington Street, Room 250
Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group) was convened on August 18, 2010 at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 West Washington Street, Room 250, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:

Members Present (12)	
Phillip Stevenson, Chair, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission	
Wendy Wolfersteig, Vice-Chair, Arizona State University	
Michelle Anderson, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections	
David Choate, Arizona State University	
Michael Dolny, Arizona Department of Corrections (via teleconference)	
Katherine Guffey, Arizona Department of Economic Security (via teleconference)	
Emma Kibisu, Arizona Department of Health Services	
Douglas Kramer, Treatment Assessment Screening Center, Inc.	
Zeenat Mahal, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (via teleconference)	
Richard Porter, Arizona Department of Health Services	
Meena Shahi, First Things First	
Sgt. Gail Spore, Arizona Department of Public Safety	
Staff/Guests Present (8)	Members Absent (5)
Jeanne Blackburn, GOCYF, DSAP	Dennis Embry, Paxis Institute
Cindy Daugherty, GOCYF, DSAP	Catherine Osborn, Arizona Department of Education
Travis Johnson, SIRC	Jody Sekerak, Indian Health Service
Nicole Luciani, ADHS/DBHS	Gowri Shetty, Arizona Department of Health Services
Michelle Neitch, ACJC	Amy Stuart, Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts
David Rapat	
David Redpath, Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts	
Emily Winans, GOCYF, DSAP	



A. **Call to Order**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. with twelve (12) members, three (3) staff and five (5) guests present.

B. **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** asked each member to introduce him/herself.

C. **Review of Packet and Agenda**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** reviewed the packet and agenda with the members.

D. **Approval of Minutes**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** requested a review of the April 21, 2010 and June 16, 2010 meeting minutes.
 - **Michelle Anderson** moved to approve the meeting minutes for April 21, 2010.
 - **Meena Shahi** seconded the motion.
 - With no further discussion, the motion passed with twelve (12) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.
 - **Meena Shahi** moved to approve the meeting minutes for June 16, 2010.
 - **Michelle Anderson** seconded the motion.
 - With no further discussion, the motion passed with twelve (12) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.

E. **Announcements**

- **Meena Shahi** reported that the First Things First program will be on the November ballot and that she will have data on First Things First-funded programs that she will be able to report on later this year.
- **Richard Porter** reported that the Behavioral Risk Factor Survey was released. According to the results, about 25% of the state is obese and about 16% of the state are smokers. He also reported that the *Health Status Report* should be online in about three weeks.
- **Wendy Wolfersteig** reported that SIRC will be holding Brown Bag sessions and indicated to the group that the Arizona Health Survey data collection has been completed.
- **Jeanne Blackburn** announced that an RFGA directed to Statewide Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroups (SEOW) has been released by SAMHSA and that she will share it with the group.
- **Emma Kibisu** announced that the methodology for the Treatment Episodes Data Set (T.E.D.S) data will be different beginning in September.
- **Michelle Neitch** reported that the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission will soon receive the data from the 2010 Arizona Youth Survey, with an estimated sample size of 60,000.



F. ASAP Update

- **Wendy Wolfersteig** provided an update from the July 8, 2010 Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) meeting, stating that the meeting focused on the topic of partner efforts and initiatives.
 - Wendy reported to ASAP that the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group had examined the cost estimates of underage drinking conducted by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, but could not provide an analysis of the cost savings to Arizona from the state's reductions in the percentage of Arizona youth reporting alcohol use without additional resources.
 - The Meth Task Force discussed regionalizing its approach to providing training and technical assistance to reduce methamphetamine use and its consequences.
 - The Underage Drinking Committee reported that the *Draw the Line* Campaign is being revitalized for use by Arizona's substance abuse prevention coalitions.
 - The Community Advisory Board reported that it was providing training on the use of social media in substance abuse prevention.
 - The Arizona Alliance for Drug Endangered Children has been working to expand its membership; revise the state's DEC protocols; write an interagency letter of agreement to institutionalize the roles of the member agencies; integrate the training on drug-endangered children and children of incarcerated parents; and create a law enforcement risk assessment tool.
 - There was a discussion on the key points in the National Drug Control Strategy from the Office of National Drug Control Policy and presentations during the meeting focused on how agency initiatives already focused on the focal areas of the Strategy or how the agency's efforts were changing in that direction, including the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Arizona Department of Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Services, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

G. Letters of Support Parameters

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** presented the template for future letters for coalitions seeking the support of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group and asked for the group to discuss and approve the template and process for providing letters of support for agencies/coalitions seeking grant funding.
 - The group agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair and GOCYF staff can jointly determine which letters of support can reasonably be provided to such groups in the future when seeking group input is not feasible due to time constraints. However, when time permits, a special meeting may be called to discuss the requests or they may be reviewed at the group's next regularly-scheduled meeting.
 - **Richard Porter** moved to approve the process for drafting letters of support.
 - **David Choate** seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed with twelve (12) ayes and zero (0) nays.

H. Rural Law Enforcement Methamphetamine Initiative

- **Jeanne Blackburn** provided an overview of Arizona's draft *Rural Law Enforcement Methamphetamine Initiative Strategic Plan*.
 - The Rural Law Enforcement Methamphetamine Initiative Action Team identified five goals including regionalizing the state in order to develop regional Meth Task Forces as Meth Task Force meetings have always occurred in Phoenix and the group recognizes that meth is a problem throughout the state.
 - Arizona is one of six states focusing on drug endangered children, which has been incorporated into *Rural Law Enforcement Methamphetamine Initiative Strategic Plan*.



- The Work Group members discussed its role in the implementation of the strategy and obtainment of the plan's goals.

I. **Mission & Work Plan for 2010**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** stated that the goals, objectives and action steps suggested by the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group members have been incorporated into its strategic planning document.
 - After a discussion of final edits to the plan, **Wendy Wolfersteig** moved to approve the strategic plan.
 - The motion was seconded by **Sgt. Gail Spore** and approved by all.

J. **Future Agenda Items**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** encouraged members of the Work Group and the public to submit future agenda items to Jeanne Blackburn through the suggestion form provided in their packets or via email.

K. **Call to the Public**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** made a call to the public.

L. **Adjournment**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Dated the 18th day of August 2010
Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group
Respectfully Submitted By:
Jeanne Blackburn
Program Administrator, Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership
Division for Substance Abuse Policy